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solvent, wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty alcohol having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon application of shear forces thereto.

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7. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier of claim 1, wherein said solidifying agent has at least one alkyl group side chain in its carbon backbone.

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8. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier or composition of claim 1, wherein said carbon backbone of said fatty acid or said fatty alcohol has at least one hydroxyl group at position  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

9. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier of claim 1, wherein said carbon backbone of said fatty alcohol has at least one hydroxyl group at position  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

10. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier of claim 1, wherein said carbon backbone of said fatty acid or said fatty alcohol has at least one hydroxyl group at positions 8-14.

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11. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier of claim 1, wherein said solidifying agent includes a 12-hydroxy fatty acid.

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26. (Amended) A pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition comprising, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic solvent, wherein at least one of said solidifying agent and said hydrophobic solvent has a therapeutic or cosmetic beneficial effect, wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty alcohol having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon application of shear forces thereto.

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37. (Amended) A pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition comprising:

(a) a pharmaceutical or cosmetic carrier containing, by weight, 1-25 percent of a solidifying agent and 75-99 percent of a hydrophobic solvent, and

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(b) a therapeutically or cosmetically effective amount of a biologically active substance;

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wherein said solidifying agent is selected from the group consisting of at least one long chain fatty alcohol having at least 15 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and at least one fatty acid, having at least 18 carbon atoms in its carbon backbone and further wherein said solidifying agent includes a substance selected such that under ambient conditions, the carrier is semi-solid at rest and liquefies upon application of shear forces thereto.

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41. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition of claim 37, wherein said hydrophobic solvent includes an oil selected from the group consisting of olive oil, soybean oil, canola oil, rapeseed oil, cottonseed oil, coconut oil, palm oil, sesame oil, sunflower oil, safflower oil, rice bran oil, borage seed oil, syzgium aromaticum oil, hempseed oil, herring oil, cod-liver oil, salmon oil, corn oil, flaxseed oil, wheat germ oil, rape seed oil, evening primrose oil, rosehip oil, tea tree oil, melaleuca oil and jojoba oil.

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44. (Amended) The pharmaceutical or cosmetic composition of claim 37, wherein said carbon backbone of said fatty acid or said fatty alcohol has at least one hydroxyl group at position  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .